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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

April 7, 2021

Marshall hosts official ribbon cutting for the Landing

APRIL 7, 2021



Marshall University officially commemorated the opening of the Landing, its independently-operated residential apartment community in Huntington, and a new gym facility located within the building on Tuesday, April 6.

The Landing first opened its doors at 1130 14th Street in fall 2019, alongside Stephen J. Kopp Hall, home to the Marshall University School of Pharmacy. The community features 200 fully furnished, pet-friendly studio and two-bedroom apartments with all-inclusive rent, stainless steel appliances, study and community space, as well as 24-hour security and parking within easy walking

distance to the schools of medicine and pharmacy and the forensic science center.



The new addition of a gym in the building features more than a dozen state-of-the-art fitness implements, which are available to residents 24/7. The total cost of the project is valued at approximately \$40,000.

Marshall University President Jerome Gilbert cut the ribbon alongside members of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Marshall University Board of Governors, as well as Huntington Mayor Steve Williams. The occasion marked the university's significance as an economic engine for the region.

“As future economic development opportunities and reshaping the Hal Greer Boulevard corridor are discussed, it’s clear that Marshall University is an important player in moving the City of Huntington and our region forward,” said Bill Bissett, president and CEO of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce. “The Landing is another great addition to Huntington that provides housing for graduate students with easy access to their classes. We appreciate their investment in our community and look forward to future ribbon cuttings.”

The Landing has also become home to many young professionals in the area.

“This has been a community our graduate and professional students have enjoyed for almost two years now,” said Tracey Eggleston, property manager. “Our goals are to ensure residents’ needs are being met and that we offer first-class customer service in all that we do.”

Leasing applications are currently being accepted for current graduate students, pharmacy students, medical students, resident physicians and Marshall University faculty and staff. Some short-term leasing options are also available. To schedule a tour, call the front desk at 304-696-6004 or send an e-mail to thelanding@marshall.edu.

Photos: (Above) Participating in the ribbon cutting for the Landing are (from left) Toney Stroud, chair of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce and Marshall Board of Governors member; Marco, Marshall’s mascot; Tracey Eggleston, property manager, the Landing; Dr. Jerome Gilbert, president of Marshall University; and Steve Williams, mayor of Huntington. (Below) Marco demonstrates some of the equipment in the Landing’s new gym facility.

Marshall to offer in-person Green and White Day open houses

APRIL 7, 2021



Marshall has announced the availability of in-person Green and White Day open house events on Friday, April 16, and Saturday, April 17.

These signature recruitment and admissions events will allow prospective students to visit campus for a day of informational sessions and activities. The Green and White Day open house events provide students with the opportunity to tour Marshall's award-winning campus, get in-depth information about their intended academic major, and meet with faculty members and academic

experts at the interactive Academic Showcase.

"We're excited to welcome students back to our Huntington campus and to provide an opportunity for them to participate in this very popular in-person event," said Dr. Jaime Taylor, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "There's nothing like the opportunity to interact with our excellent faculty and staff, in person, while checking out all that Marshall has to offer for yourself—both inside and outside the classroom."

Prospective students can also tour a residence hall and learn about all of the additional resources available to students on campus. Admitted students will have access to an exclusive information session where they will receive guidance relative to financial aid and completing the enrollment process.

"We can't wait to welcome students to this event—it will be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about all that Marshall University has to offer them," Taylor said.

Visit www.marshall.edu/experience to register today. Registration is limited and based on capacity guidelines at the time of the events, in accordance with CDC guidelines. Marshall University is following all CDC guidelines, including mandatory mask wearing and social distancing, to keep all of its guests safe.

For more information contact Ella Curry, senior associate director of admissions for recruiting, by e-mail at Ella.Curry@marshall.edu.

Center of Excellence for Recovery encourages professional prevention certification

APRIL 6, 2021

The Marshall University Research Corporation's Center of Excellence for Recovery (COER) is working with professionals throughout the state to expand the behavioral health prevention workforce. Marshall is hosting two informational sessions beginning Wednesday, April 7, on how to obtain a professional certification in prevention for individuals working in prevention settings, including:

- Community coalitions
- Health departments
- Behavioral health providers
- Youth-serving and other human services organizations
- Faith communities
- Primary, Secondary and Higher education.

Prevention professionals use programs and practices that have been shown by research to prevent or delay the onset of behavioral health disorders.

These sessions are being provided through a collaboration of COER, West Virginia Prevention First Network Prevention lead organization, and Lori Garrett Bumba, secretary of the West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVCBAPP). The sessions are free and open to individuals practicing prevention in any setting.

"Now more than ever, West Virginia youth and their families need prevention services that can effectively build their resilience to withstand the stress and turmoil going on in the world and their communities," said Tammy Collins, Ph.D., family scientist and certified prevention specialist at COER.

The first information session, "Prevention Certification Overview," will be held on Wednesday, April 7, from 3 to 4 p.m. This session will review certification requirements as well as the application and testing processes. The second session, "Certification Testing Preparation," to be held Wednesday, April 28, from 3 to 4 p.m., will review materials needed for studying for the certification test.

"Professional prevention certification increases West Virginia's ability to provide a highly skilled workforce ready to help West Virginia young people reach their full potential," said Amy Saunders, managing director of COER.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/data-to-practice-virtual-prevention-training-series-tickets-115528800753>.

PEIA announces open enrollment for Plan Year 2022 from April 2-May 15, 2021

MARCH 31, 2021



During this time, you may make changes to your health plan, add, drop or change coverage for yourself and your dependents without a qualifying event, and make changes to your Mountaineer Flexible Benefits, if applicable.

Policyholders will receive a Shopper's Guide in the mail that provides information you need about the health coverage PEIA offers. If you do not find your answers in the Shopper's Guide, you may visit one of the benefit fairs (locations and times below). There will be representatives from PEIA, UMR, The Health Plan, Securian Financial (Minnesota Life), Mountaineer Flexible Benefits, Humana and iSelectMD to answer questions you may have. Come out and learn more about your benefits, and the new programs available to you!

For more information, please view the [PEIA Open Enrollment Resources](#) on Human Resources Website.

Schedule for call-in benefits fairs:

DATE and TIME

CALL IN INFORMATION

Call-In Phone No.: 304-410-0513

Tuesday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m.

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Conference will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Call-In Phone No.: 304-410-0513

Thursday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Conference ID: 73421#

Conference will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Call-In Phone No.: 304-410-0513

Monday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Conference ID: 73421#

Conference will begin promptly at 4 p.m.

Call-In Phone No.: 304-410-0513

Wednesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. Conference ID: 73421#

Conference will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Call-In Phone No.: 304-410-0513

Conference ID: 73421#

Conference will begin promptly at 5 p.m.

MUIT Virtual Office Hours Continue April 8 and 22

APRIL 7, 2021



To continue supporting Marshall University faculty and staff and students, MU Information Technology began offering virtual office hours twice a month. These virtual office hours take place via Microsoft Teams from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

During these sessions, attendees can get help with anything from Microsoft Teams to understanding quarantine

messages. These open discussions will allow participants to work through technology challenges and learn tip and tricks as well as solutions to common tech problems.

Learn more and sign-up at www.marshall.edu/it/training. For additional information, please contact crystal.stewart@marshall.edu.

Marshall Health coordinating free HIV testing and COVID-19 vaccine event April 10 in Huntington

APRIL 7, 2021

Marshall Health, in collaboration with the Cabell-Huntington Health Department and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR), will offer free HIV tests and COVID-19 vaccines, Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the health department at 703 7th Ave. in Huntington.

“For the health of our entire community, it’s important to continue HIV testing and COVID-19 vaccinations,” said Dr. Andrea Lauffer, Marshall Health pediatrician and medical director for Cabell County Schools.

The testing and vaccines are free (insurance will not be billed) and quick. No appointments are necessary. There is no age restriction for the confidential HIV tests (parental consent is not required by law), but individuals must be 18 or older to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Free TTA bus transportation to the health department is available and swag bags will be distributed while supplies last.

HIV is a virus that can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) if not treated. HIV is preventable and those at high risk may benefit from taking medication referred to as PrEP. HIV/AIDS cannot be cured, but it can be treated. Getting tested is the only way to find out if you have HIV. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one in seven people with HIV in the U.S. do not know that they are infected.

Faces of Physics series continues April 12 with lecture on building radio telescopes

APRIL 7, 2021

Faces of Physics
Virtual Speaker Series

Pranav Sanghavi
West Virginia University

“On Building Radio Telescopes: From Radio Astronomy for Classrooms to Detecting Fast Radio Bursts”

April 12 | 7:00 pm
Followed by a Q&A

Free and open to all.

Coming up:
May 12th: Bob Lutz from NASA Goddard Space Flight Center | 7:00 pm
Updated information found at:
www.marshall.edu/physics/society-physics-students

Sponsored by the Marshall University Society of Physics Students and the American Institute of Physics

The Faces of Physics virtual speakers series continues at 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, with an online presentation by radio astronomer Pranav Sanghavi. His talk, “On Building Radio Telescopes: From Radio Astronomy for Classrooms to Detecting Fast Radio Bursts,” is free and open to all and can be accessed at: <https://youtu.be/IWzh270hWLE>.

Sanghavi is a physics Ph.D. student at West Virginia University with undergraduate training in engineering. His research focuses on radio astronomical instrumentation to detect Fast Radio Bursts. For his doctoral work, he has built a prototype radio interferometric array at Green Bank Observatory in West Virginia, designed to work in tandem as a Very Large Baseline Interferometer outrigger to the Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME/FRB) instrument.

Since 2017, Sanghavi also has helped run the “Research Experience for Teachers – Digital Signal Processing in Radio Astronomy” (RET-DSPIRA) program to help bring radio astronomy to high school classrooms, allowing students to build radio telescopes from scratch, including the digital signal processing backend. As he completes his doctoral studies, he continues to work on data analysis from the prototype and the development of the upcoming CHIME/FRB outrigger to be built and commissioned at Green Bank Observatory.

Virtual audience members will get a chance to pose questions after Sanghavi’s discussion about his research. The Faces of Physics talks are held virtually through YouTube Live and are free and open to the public, and are appropriate for all ages. To stay up to date on information pertaining to the event, sign up for the mailing list at <https://www.marshall.edu/physics/society-physics-students/> or follow Marshall University Physics on Facebook (@MUPhysicsDept).

Coming up in May is a presentation by Bob Lutz, from the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, who will speak at 7 p.m. May 12.

The series is sponsored by Marshall’s Society of Physics Students and the American Institute of Physics to highlight outstanding research being done, especially by underrepresented groups in the world of physics. The organizers are SPS President Jackie Sizemore and SPS Vice President Ellie White.



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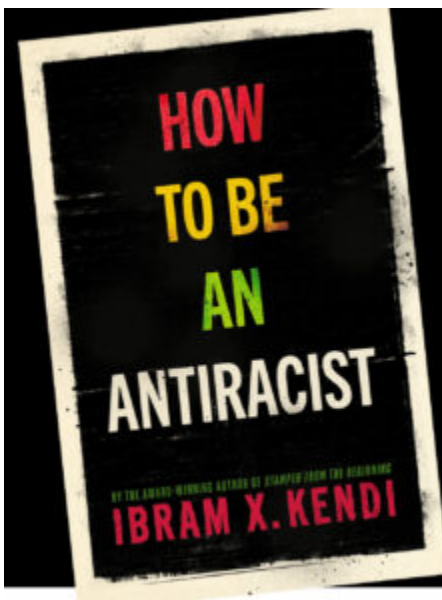
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MU Collegiate Recovery Community



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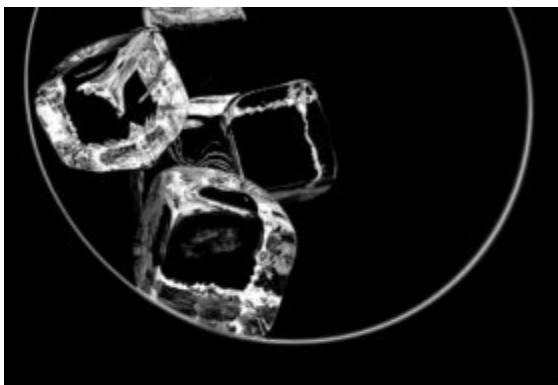
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APRIL 15, 2021 | 7 PM

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15 | 7 PM

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Dr. Rob Rabe, Professor, W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Dr. Robert Bookwalter, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will moderate the discussion.



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Marshall to host Collegiate Recovery Day event April 15

APRIL 7, 2021

Marshall University's Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC) and Movable: Narratives of Recovery and Place are partnering to celebrate National Collegiate Recovery Day on the Huntington campus Thursday, April 15.

Representatives from the CRC and the Movable Project will provide information and activities promoting recovery in the campus and community from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 15 in front of the Memorial Student Center.

Events like Collegiate Recovery Day are important for creating a positive environment for students, said Rebecca Tomblin, a Marshall student and a peer recovery support specialist.

"Collegiate recovery is important for students to pursue educational goals, build a support system, and remain active in their recovery," she said.

Collegiate Recovery Day also marks the two-year anniversary for the Movable Project, found at <https://www.movableproject.org>. It's a platform for people in Appalachia and beyond to share, highlight, and document stories of recovery. Dr. Hilton Córdoba, assistant professor of geography and co-editor of Movable, notes that much has changed for Movable during that time.

"It has been a rewarding experience to witness the growth of Movable from the idea stage, to the development of a prototype; securing funding; creating, testing and launching the official platform; to hiring and training new team members, to devising an outreach program to collect stories and then the development of editorial policy to finally be able to share stories with the public," Córdoba said.

Dr. Stefan Schöberlein, assistant professor of English and co-editor of Movable, agrees.

"It's been especially heartening to see local and regional recovery organizations embracing Movable, and I look forward to seeing these partnerships expand in the years to come," Schöberlein said.

The Collegiate Recovery Day activities will allow individuals in recovery and recovery allies to share what recovery means to them. Visitors to the Movable table will also have the option of uploading their stories to the website (with anonymous contributions possible).

For more information about the Collegiate Recovery Community, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/collegiate-recovery-community/> and for more information about the Movable Project, visit <https://movableproject.org>.

Final act announced in Mountain Stage lineup

APRIL 7, 2021



West Virginia's own live radio program, Mountain Stage, has announced Shemekia Copeland as the final act in their outdoor concert to be held on the Huntington campus at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16. This event is presented by Mountain Health Network to celebrate the City of Huntington's 150th anniversary. The event will be held rain or shine.

Washington Post Magazine said "Shemekia Copeland reigns as the greatest blues singer of her generation." Called "a powerhouse, a superstar" by Rolling Stone, Shemekia Copeland will bring a set you won't want to miss. Copeland is nominated for Female Artist of the Year and Album of the Year for the 2021 Blues Music Awards coming up in June.

The first thing most listeners notice about Copeland's voice is its sheer force. Frequently compared to great blues shouters of the 1920s, like Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey, she's in the habit of showing off the outsize instrument housed in her compact frame by stepping away from the mic and overmatching the amps of her band with her unaided voice.

With a recording career that began in 1998 at age 18, award-winning vocalist Copeland has grown to become one of the most talented and passionately candid artists on today's roots music scene. Her riveting new album, *Uncivil War*, released in 2020, builds on the musically and lyrically adventurous territory she's been exploring for over a decade, blending blues, R&B and Americana into a sound that is now hers alone. The soulful and uncompromising *Uncivil War* tackles the problems of contemporary American life head on with nuance, understanding and a demand for change.

Mountain Stage's lineup will also feature singer-songwriter and prolific pianist A.J. Croce, powerhouse Alabama-based rock and roll soul band St. Paul & The Broken Bones and Huntington's own Ona.

All seating in the Joan C. Edwards Stadium will be general admission. Seating will be socially distanced. Doors at the stadium will open at 6:30 p.m. All local, state and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19 in place at that time will be enforced.

General admission tickets for this performance of Mountain Stage are \$60. Price includes all taxes and fees. To purchase tickets, visit [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com), or call the Marshall Artists Series at 304-696-6656, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mountain Stage is sponsored by Mountain Health Network, AT&T, Huntington Foundation – in memory of Frank E. Hanshaw Jr., West Virginia Division of Culture & History, Steptoe & Johnson, the Touma Foundation, Appalachian Power, Strictly Business Computer Systems, Huntington Federal, Cabell Huntington Convention & Visitors Bureau, Anonymous, Marsha Slater – State Farm Insurance, Dr. Stephen Nicholas, iHeartRadio, WSAZ and the Herald-Dispatch.

April 16 is deadline to enter agricultural competition

APRIL 7, 2021



Agricultural innovators in West Virginia have until April 16 to enter the Robert C. Byrd Institute's statewide competition for a chance to win a business assistance package valued in excess of \$5,000.

The 6th Annual West Virginia Vanguard Agriculture Competition will honor innovation and ingenuity in agriculture, recognizing an entrepreneur whose idea has the greatest potential to solve logistical

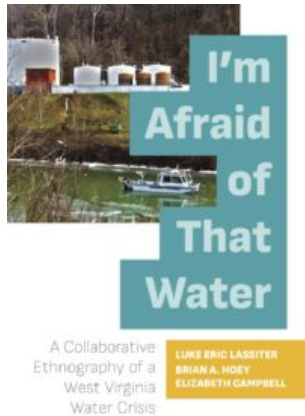
challenges in the local food supply chain and bring a new product to market.

The winner will receive assistance with product design and development including prototyping, marketing and business development planning.

West Virginia residents and out-of-state students enrolled in West Virginia colleges and universities are eligible to compete. Innovators must apply online at www.rcbi.org/vanguard2021. Entries must be received by April 16 at 4 p.m. The winner will be announced in late April.

Professors' book earns Weatherford Award for best books about Appalachia

APRIL 7, 2021



A book that was a joint research and writing effort among Marshall faculty, students and community members, which discusses the 2014 chemical spill in central West Virginia, has received the Weatherford Award for best books about Appalachia.

I'm Afraid of That Water: A Collaborative Ethnography of a West Virginia Water Crisis was a collaboration by Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter, a professor of humanities and anthropology and director of the graduate humanities program at Marshall; Dr. Brian A. Hoey, a professor of anthropology and associate dean of the honors college at Marshall; and Dr. Elizabeth Campbell, former Marshall faculty member and current chair of the department of curriculum and instruction at Appalachian State University.

“Collaborative ethnography is an approach to research that highlights how researchers and community partners can work together to understand a particular problem,” Lassiter said. “In this case, faculty, students, and community participants all worked as a team to understand and write about the crisis.”

Lassiter, Hoey and Campbell led the effort, but as a community-university partnered project, people across various positions in academe and local communities helped with the conceptualization, research and writing. It captures a broad series of stories about the 2014 chemical spill that contaminated the water of 300,000 citizens in a nine-county region, and the response to the emergency, which amplified distrust that was already well seeded in the area.

“This book sets a meaningful example from which community-engaged Appalachian studies scholars will draw much inspiration,” the judges said. “Documentation was exceptional in capturing how people felt about the water crisis. A rich collection of short vignettes of people’s experiences and how they were affected. The book merged academic perspectives with community-based voices in an Appalachian exchange between folks with similar experiences in a crisis and Appalachian shared living.”

The award monies for this prize will be donated to the West Virginia Rivers Coalition, a nonprofit that serves the statewide voice for water-based recreation and clean, drinkable rivers. The book’s royalties are also donated to West Virginia Rivers. The organization’s executive director, Angie Rosser, wrote the book’s afterword.

“This book is remarkable in so many ways,” Rosser said. “It does more than authentically document the lived experiences of the water crisis; it carries an empowering effect for the people of Appalachia in seeing that their stories reveal shared struggles for visibility and justice. It reminds us that within our stories is the power to co-create the world we want to live in.”

The Weatherford Awards honor books deemed as best illuminating the challenges, personalities, and unique qualities of the Appalachian South. Granted by Berea College and the Appalachian Studies Association for 50 years, the awards commemorate the life and achievements of W. D. Weatherford Sr., a pioneer and leading figure in Appalachian development, youth work and race relations, and his son, Willis D. Weatherford Jr., Berea College's sixth president.

"I am grateful for the attention that this award brings to the book as an important contribution to a vital arena of public scholarship," Hoey said. "I believe that the award helps highlight an essential role in the region for collaborative partnerships between different communities and institutions of higher education to define a common good."

The book was chosen as winner of the nonfiction category, from the largest field of contenders ever nominated. The winner in the fiction category was *The Prettiest Star* by Carter Sickels, and the winner for poetry was *All the Great Territories* by Matthew Wimberly.

'Focus Forward' program to take place April 22

APRIL 7, 2021



The West Virginia Public Education Collaborative, of which Marshall is a member, will present "Focus Forward: Beyond the Cloud Part II," Thursday, April 22. The program will include keynote and industry panel discussions from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a design thinking workshop from noon to 1:30 p.m.

President Gilbert will be delivering welcoming remarks and Ben Eng and Tricia Ball from the College of Business will be teaching design thinking.

The program is for those interested in further exploring what's beyond the cloud and how the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Big Data program can help kickstart entrepreneurial activities.

Participants will hear from scientists and CEOs who have used NOAA data to launch startups and cutting-edge technologies and work directly with experts who know how to stimulate innovation and hone skills through a hands-on design thinking workshop.

Innovators in all sectors, from agriculture, retail, FinTech, the stock market and even municipalities can find their niche in this multibillion-dollar industry.

Learn more and register today at <https://wvpec.wvu.edu/>.

Digital Humanities program to offer online workshop on building a personal or professional website

APRIL 6, 2021

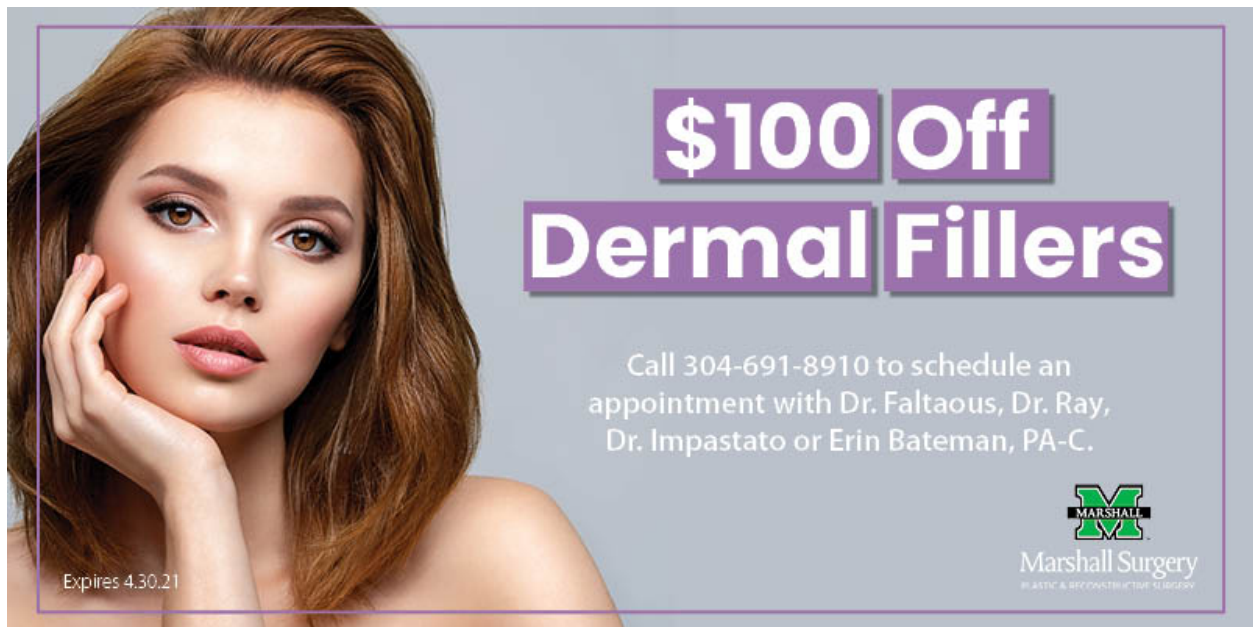
Marshall's Digital Humanities program will host an online workshop, "Creating a Professional or Personal Website." It will be online from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and will be presented by Elizabeth James, archivist and digital preservation librarian at

Marshall.

The workshop is free and open to all. To participate, register at <https://tinyurl.com/MUBuildSite>.

"Personal websites are a great way to reflect on your professional or personal identity," James said. "Talking about projects you've done, work you've enjoyed and why you've enjoyed that work is beneficial for both students and potential employers. For students, these acts of reflection can help them determine where they want their career to go. For potential employers, these sites can provide more insight into a person as an individual and distinguish between that person and other candidates."

“The goal of this workshop is to help individuals without technical backgrounds create a free digital space to showcase their personal and professional interests. The workshop will help participants articulate the goals for their personal website and determine how to translate those goals into a polished and professional webpage on Google Sites.”



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Online support group to assist those affected by anxiety and depression

APRIL 7, 2021

The Marshall University Psychology Clinic will offer an Anxiety and Depression Skills and Support Group to assist individuals in improving their abilities to cope with feelings of depression and anxiety.

The online group had its first meeting from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 5, and continue for 8 weeks via Microsoft Teams. The group is open to both Marshall University students and community members at no charge. Individuals who are 18 years or older; reside within West Virginia, Kentucky or Ohio; and are struggling with symptoms of anxiety, depression or general difficulties coping are welcome to participate in the group. Participants should have the ability to access a virtual group link and have stable internet access, as well as a private place to talk about their concerns.

This therapy group will provide information and facilitate practice of general coping skills for common symptoms of depression and anxiety. Skills practices to be covered include goal setting, increasing motivation, identifying and addressing unhelpful thoughts, understanding the relationship between thoughts and behaviors, and improving self-care. Additionally, this group will facilitate weekly discussions on a range of relevant topics including how behaviors can improve the way that we feel, current events and stressors, and relationships.

“The past year has been filled with challenges that individuals have not had to face before,” said Jake Bass, who is a Psy.D. student at Marshall and one of the group’s facilitators. “There have been a lot of difficult changes, and with those comes stress that we might not know how to manage yet. We hope that through this group individuals will gain a clearer understanding of their own experiences and learn helpful skills to better cope with symptoms of anxiety or depression.”

This group could be beneficial in assisting individuals in learning new coping skills, improving their current skills, and providing a safe space to discuss experiences with anxiety and depression.

“In some way or another, everyone experiences stress. Sometimes, stressful experiences build up and begin to present in multiple ways, whether that is not being able to get out of the bed in the morning or stressing about life when it is time to go to sleep,” said Casey Collins, also a Psy.D. student and facilitator of the group. “These symptoms, common in anxiety and depression, are often things people suffer through in silence. That suffering impacts an individual’s mental and physical health and their social relationships. Jake and I truly want this group to help people learn how to manage and cope with the day-to-day stress they experience, while also helping members learn to empower themselves. Being able to do this using distance technology, where all someone needs is a phone, tablet, or personal computer and an internet connection, allows us to reach a wider array of individuals in a safe and effective manner. Reaching individuals who struggle to receive services due to lack of availability is a huge goal for all mental health providers, and we’re happy to have the opportunity to reach such a wide array of people and help them to receive those services.”

Those who are interested may contact Bass by e-mail at Bass15@live.marshall.edu or Collins at Collins111@live.marshall.edu.

Students coaching 2021 West Virginia Science Olympiad team in national competition

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Ten Marshall students are helping coach 15 students from Cabell Midland High School as they prepare for the 2021 National Science Olympiad competition, which will be held virtually May 21-22 from Arizona State University.

The virtual coaching opportunity is made possible by a grant from the NASA WV Space Grant Consortium. The Cabell Midland team, under the leadership of teacher Brian McNeel, is the 2021 West Virginia State Championship Science Olympiad team.

Marshall's 10 student coaches are all predominantly from either Marshall University's chapter of the Society of Physics Students or the Science Olympiad student organization on campus. Serving as coaching mentors are Dr. Sean McBride, faculty advisor to Marshall's chapter of the Society of Physics Students and co-state director for the West Virginia Science Olympiad, as well as Dr. Sachiko McBride, faculty advisor for the Marshall University Science Olympiad student organization and state director for the West Virginia Science Olympiad. They will work with the student coaches to help schedule time slots when the undergraduate coaches and high school students meet virtually.

For the STEM-focused virtual national competition, different members of the WVSO team will focus on different events, and Marshall's 10 student coaches will prepare them for diverse areas of content. The event categories that the student coaches are currently planning to assist with are Anatomy and Physiology, Astronomy, Chemistry Lab, Circuit Lab, Sound of Music, Codebusters, Water Quality, Forensics, Protein Modeling, and Fossils. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, they will predominantly work on exam preparation, as many hands-on and face-to-face events are not permitted in this year's competition.

"This is a great opportunity for the students from both student organizations to help out the surrounding community," Sean McBride said. "Some of the undergraduate student coaches themselves have participated in Science Olympiad as high school students and this is a great way for them to transfer their knowledge, skills and experiences."

It will be a great experience for the students at Marshall and Cabell Midland High School, Sachiko McBride said.

"Our students are very excited to support the CMHS team," she said. "We all have the same goal—to support the CMHS team and help them excel in the national tournament."

This opportunity for Science Olympiad coaching was made possible by the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium, Grant # 80NSSC20M0055. For more information about participating in the West Virginia Science Olympiad in the future, e-mail ScienceOlympiad@marshall.edu.

Fall 2021 ADVANCE REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Currently enrolled Undergraduate and Graduate students may register beginning April 5.

SENIORS 90+ hours completed as of 1/19/2021	JUNIORS 60-89 hours completed as of 1/19/2021	SOPHOMORES 30-59 hours completed as of 1/19/2021	FRESHMEN 0-29 hours completed as of 1/19/2021
Monday, April 5	Tuesday, April 6 Wednesday, April 7	Thursday, April 8 Friday, April 9 Monday, April 12	Tuesday, April 13 Wednesday, April 14 Thursday, April 15 Friday, April 16



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Fall courses geared toward veterans and their loved ones

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ATTENTION

Veterans, Military and Military-connected students
(Including friends, spouses, parents, and children)

COURSES ON WAR, TRAUMA, AND HISTORY FALL 2021

ANT/CL 480: The Wars Within | M 4:00-6:20pm

Drs. Robin Riner and Christina Franzen

**This course is designated Writing Intensive*

HST 434: The Vietnam War MWF | 10:00-10:50

Dr. Chris White

Please contact conleyr@marshall.edu; franzen@marshall.edu;
or whitec@marshall.edu for more information



Marshall University is enrolling students in some new Fall 2021 courses that aim to help veterans and others cope with traumatic experiences, and explore the history of war. The courses are geared toward veterans and military-connected students, as well as anyone who is close to veterans, including family and friends.

These courses are part of a larger program, for which faculty members in Marshall University's College of Liberal Arts and School of Social Work received three grants. The program, which includes training, coursework and outreach, is designed to help connect veteran students at Marshall University with veterans from throughout the state of West Virginia through a series of public discussion groups in which participants will read and discuss classic texts about war. The program directors will be seeking student veterans to serve as discussion leaders in the public discussion groups. More information about the application process can be found at www.marshall.edu/warswithin.

One of the fall courses to be offered, "The Wars Within, The Wars Without: Lucan's Civil War in Modern Veterans' Eyes," draws on the power of the written word to serve as a vehicle of catharsis for people who have experienced trauma. Taught by Drs. Robin Riner and Christina Franzen, the course will study classics and delve into conflicts in three different parts of the world across millennia, including the Roman civil war, the Vietnam War, and the War on Terror. The course aims to explore diverse war experiences across time and space. Franzen and Riner hope to convey that the humanities in general and classics in particular can serve as at least one tool for coping with traumatic experiences.

Another course, "The Vietnam War," with history professor Dr. Chris White, examines the causes and effects of America's most controversial war, paying close attention to the military and veteran experience from both sides.

"Through this program, we hope to give veterans some new and unique resources for helping to think through their military experiences," Riner said. "Using texts about ancient war, set in times and places very distant from veterans' own lives, can provide the distance needed to be able to process their experiences."

The program is supported by a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council and a Classics Everywhere Initiative grant from the Society for Classical Studies. The project also received a Marshall University Hedrick Program for Teaching Innovation grant.

Anyone interested in participating can e-mail Franzen at franzen@marshall.edu, Riner at conleyr@marshall.edu or White at whitec@marshall.edu for more information.

Delta pledges support for new aviation maintenance program

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Delta Air Lines Technical Operations has announced that it will designate the new Marshall University/Mountwest Community & Technical College Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program as a partner educational institution.

The collaboration – the first of its kind in the region and first in West Virginia – will help ensure students receive a quality technical education as they prepare for the growing number of aviation industry jobs.

The program will join a select group of approximately 45 other AMT schools across the country that have received the endorsement of Delta Tech Ops, the maintenance training division of the nation's second largest air carrier.

William Smith, Delta's director of learning and development for Technical Operations, announced the partnership during the March 26 groundbreaking ceremony at Huntington Tri-State Airport for the AMT program, which will launch in spring 2022 pending FAA approval.

"On behalf of Delta Air Lines, I'd like to tell you how excited and honored we are to be part of this partnership," said Smith, a native of Rowlesburg in Preston County. "The timing for this institution could not be better. The industry demand is somewhere between half a million and a million people over the next 10 to 20 years."

Existing AMT schools only have the capacity to produce about 65 percent of the aviation mechanics and technicians the industry needs, Smith said.

The Marshall/Mountwest program, with support from the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI), will offer a dual associate of applied science degree from both institutions and provide students the opportunity to earn FAA certifications as well as specialized credentials.

"We couldn't be happier to be partnering with this school and I congratulate you on your current milestone," Smith said. "(Delta) will be here to support you. We will support you with parts, we will support you with industry best practices, we'll support you with tooling, we'll support you with expertise, we will grow your curriculum, we will grow your students, we will grow your staff."

President Gilbert praised the Delta partnership, saying the relationship will help ensure the program meets the dynamic needs of industry.

“The support from Delta for our new program is very much appreciated,” Gilbert said. “Industry expertise is essential to the success of any higher education endeavor and we are grateful for their generous backing. It is an honor to be partnered with Delta.”

To learn more about the AMT program, contact Jim Smith, interim director, by e-mail at jsmith@rcbi.org or visit www.marshall.edu/aviation.

Photo: William Smith, DeltaAir Lines’ director of learning and development for technical operations, speaks at last month’s groundbreaking for the joint Marshall/Mountwest aviation maintenance technology program.



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Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since March 23, 2021

Students: 21

Faculty: 0

Staff*: 3

** Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

All testing is being done in partnership with Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Pleasant Valley Hospital, QLab Inc. and MedExpress Urgent Care.

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